

**TO: Chairman and Members**

**DATE: May 12, 2011**

**SUBJECT: Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG):  
Evidence Based Practices Project  
Release of Request for Proposals**

**AGENDA ITEM: B**

**RESOURCE PERSON: Colleen Stoner**

**ACTION: X  
INFORMATION:**

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**Summary:**

This agenda item requests approval to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Evidence Based Practices Project as recommended by the Executive Steering Committee (ESC), and authorized by the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) at its meeting on January 12, 2011.

**Background:**

The Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) is the Designated State Agency (DSA) responsible for the administration of the following three federal funding sources: Title II Formula Block Grant Program, Title V Community Prevention Grant Program, and the JABG Program. The State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) which oversees the CSA's implementation of federal funds has aligned the three aforementioned programs to support California's Title II Three-Year plan. The plan outlines five priority areas; Alternatives to Detention, Disproportionate Minority Contact, Evidence Based Practices (EBP), Restorative Justice and Holistic Approaches to Offender Counsel.

To support the Three-Year plan the SACJJDP set aside a total of 1.8 million in discretionary JABG funds to further develop the EBP priority area. On January 12, 2011 SACJJDP recommended that the CSA board authorize an Executive Steering Committee to oversee the development of an RFP to identify probation departments that are prepared to participate in a system change approach in implementing or expanding the use of EBP within their local juvenile justice communities. Given the timing of the RFP development, SACJJDP also authorized the committee chairs to act on their behalf in recommending the final draft RFP for approval to the CSA board. On January 13, 2011 the CSA board approved the recommendation of the SACJJDP and authorized staff to assemble an ESC for this project.

The ESC for this project is comprised of subject matter experts and is co-chaired by CSA board members Adele Arnold and Eleanor Silva. Funding through this competitive RFP process will be used by local probation departments that need additional technical assistance or resources to support the effective implementation of EBP including:

- ✓ Assessment tools,
- ✓ Data collection,
- ✓ Programming,
- ✓ Training, and
- ✓ Evaluation.

County probation departments will be allowed to request up to \$300,000 for the two-year period of the project which is tentatively set to begin October 1, 2011.

**RFP Activities and Timeline:**

The timeline below details the development and release of the RFP and award recommendations:

ACTIVITY	TENTATIVE TIMELINE
RFP released to the field	5/17/11
Proposals due to CSA	7/12/11
Technical review of proposals completed	7/22/11
ESC rating of proposals completed	8/25/11
Funding recommendations presented to the SACJJD	9/7/11
Funding recommendations presented to the CSA Board	9/8/11
New grantee briefing	9/12/11 - 9/28/11
Project period begins	10/1/11

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**Recommended Action Needed:**

Approve the release of the Evidence Based Practices Project RFP as recommended by the Executive Steering Committee and authorized by State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

**Resource Person:**

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